PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the inventive genius of Thomas Alva Edison has immeasurably advanced the frontiers of American science and the welfare of all mankind, and, by creating industries employing millions of people, has added greatly to the technology upon which America's pre-eminence largely rests; and

WHEREAS, recent events have shown that this strong scientific position is being seriously challenged; and

WHEREAS, in this age of limitless scientific horizons, our Country's need for men like Edison has never been more urgent; and

WHEREAS, the only long-range approach to meeting this need for scientific manpower is the motivation of more young Americans toward careers in science, and the removal of artificial barriers to preparation for these fields;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Foss, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 11, 1960, the occasion of Thomas Alva Edison's 113th birthday as

SCIENCE YOUTH DAY

and urge the people of this State, and its schools, teachers, parents, industries and civic organizations to encourage youth to take advantage of the great opportunities of modern science and technology. This is a day on which the citizens of this State will do honor to the inspiring heritage of America's great inventive genius, Thomas Alva Edison, and will lend full support to all activities which dramatize to youth the unique challenges of science and invention in today's expanding universe.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 2 day of Feb., 1960.

Joe Foss
Governor

ATTEST:

Clara Halls
Secretary of State

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